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SUBJECT: IRAQI NATIONALIZATION OF EXXON AND MOBIL  
HOLDINGS IN BASRAH PETROLEUM COMPANY

1. INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT EXXON AND MOBIL HAVE AGREED NOT RPT NOT TO PRESS SHELL, BP AND CFP TO JOIN IN FORCEFULLY OPPOSING IRAQI NATIONALIZATION ACTION AT PRESENT. US COMPANIES, AFTER PRELIMINARY REVIEW BY LEGAL EXPERTS, HAVE DECIDED TO CONTENT THEMSELVES FOR MOMENT WITH BPC ORAL PROTEST TO IRAQIS.

2. WE ARE INFORMED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS MOBIL AND EXXON TRIED TO PERSUADE THEIR PARTNERS TO PUT PROTEST IN WRITING BUT OTHER COMPANIES BELIEVED REALITIES OF WAR-TIME SITUATION MADE THIS IMPRACTICAL. IT WAS THEN AGREED IRAQIS WOULD BE INFORMED BPC RESERVED ITS RIGHTS PENDING STUDY OF IRAQI NATIONALIZATION LAW.

3. DEPARTMENT PASS BAGHDAD AS APPROPRIATE.

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